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## **Confronting Katrina:**

*Hope, Healing, and Hard Work*







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# Director's Chair

As I sit in a Florida airport and watch with many others the approach of Tropical Storm Gamma, I am again awed by the force of the storms we've seen this season. Seeing the damage caused by last year's hurricanes, I can only imagine how much worse things are in the wake of Katrina, Rita, and Wilma.



Not since 9/11 have I been struck by how members of the Cedarville University family are so greatly affected by a common tragedy. Hurricane Katrina caused CU alumni to lose their homes, relocate, be called into guard duty, shelter others, volunteer, and give. As one alumna nurse delivered a baby as Katrina rolled in, another sought shelter. When one CU volunteer had to take a break, another stepped in.

Although we have been saddened to know of the suffering, it's been incredibly encouraging to see the hearts of God's people. Even in a time of loss, alumni like Lucinda Hickey King '03 and Ray Johnson '83 have glorified God and seen His providence in the midst. Shortly after Katrina struck, Tami Lockwood Alexander '91 called CU to ask for prayer as her church began their outreach to those in need. When our students were moved with compassion, they gave the largest offering in CU history and signed up in droves to spend their breaks serving on the Gulf Coast. This truly has been a time for God's people to shine.

It seems only fitting that, as I prepare to board a plane back to Ohio, the newscaster on the TV in the background is recounting yet another Hurricane Katrina story. What a challenge to pray each time we hear or read one of these stories. May we be God's hands and feet as He calls us to give and to serve.

*Faith Linn '83*

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Director of Alumni Relations

**Cover Photo:** CU senior Kayla Smith '06 captured the devastation in Pass Christian, Mississippi when she took this timed photograph of herself viewing the work awaiting her team.





The following is just a sampling of CU events on the road. Visit [www.cedarville.edu](http://www.cedarville.edu) and select "Calendar" for more events and information. (Note: **BOLD** dates indicate alumni relations events.)



## More events coming!

Check "Alumni Events" at [www.cedarville.edu/alumni](http://www.cedarville.edu/alumni).

*January 8*  
Dr. Bill Brown  
Fruitport, Michigan

***January 20-21***  
**Alumni Basketball Weekend**  
**Cedarville, Ohio**

*January 29*  
Heartsong  
Toledo, Ohio

***February 11***  
**Alumni Chapter Event**  
**Greenville, South Carolina**

*February 11*  
Basketball at Walsh University  
North Canton, Ohio

*February 14*  
Basketball at Tiffin University  
Tiffin, Ohio

*February 25-26*  
Heartsong  
Akron, Ohio

*February 25-26*  
Lifeline Players  
Cincinnati, Ohio

*March 5*  
Jubilate  
Louisville, Kentucky

*March 18-19*  
Lifeline Players  
Westlake, Ohio

*March 19*  
Charles Clevenger Concert  
Cleveland Heights and  
Wellington, Ohio

*March 25-26*  
Lifeline Players  
Cicero, Indiana

*March 26*  
Charles Clevenger Concert  
Mars and Butler, Pennsylvania

***March 31***  
**Alumni Chapter Event**  
**Dallas, Texas**

*April 23*  
Dr. Bill Brown  
Worthington, Ohio

*April 23*  
Charles Clevenger Concert  
Brunswick, Ohio

*April 23*  
Heartsong  
Avon Lake, Ohio

*April 23*  
Heartsong  
Cleveland, Ohio

*April 23*  
Heartsong  
Kent, Ohio

*April 23*  
Heartsong  
Lansing, Michigan

***May 20***  
**Alumni & Friends Event**  
**Southfield, Michigan**

*May 21*  
Dr. Bill Brown  
Southfield, Michigan

***August 5***  
**Alumni Chapter Event**  
**Raleigh, North Carolina**

# President's Pen



*The human spirit will not even try to surrender self-will as long as all seems well with it. — C.S. Lewis*

When bad things happen, it catches us off guard and makes us change the way we think and live. At these times we admit that all is not well and our spirits are in turmoil. Moral evil makes us angry: rape, murder, theft — the evil choices of people to cause others harm.

But natural evil — disease, accident, or disasters — makes us ponder the frailty of life. Who do we blame? God?

Jesus addressed both kinds of evil when He was asked about those who had been murdered by Pilate. “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! ... Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them — do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no!” (Luke 13:2-5).

Lost in the accusations after Hurricane Katrina was the reality of a natural evil that was so devastating that words and pictures seemed trite. Several Christian leaders took the opportunity to pronounce God’s judgment on the United States in general and New Orleans in particular. They were talking through their hats because even Jesus did not fall into the trap of claiming God’s judgment in specific instances (and He would know!).

But Jesus does go on to twice add a warning: “But unless you repent, you too will all perish” (Luke 13:3, 5).

The consequences of evil are a reminder to everyone that we are not in control and we must change our ways of thinking and living (“repent”) lest the ultimate fate of evil strikes us.

The reality of evil in the world is actually evidence that God, in all His goodness, exists. The places of greatest suffering and despair — hospitals, battlefields, the gulag — are rarely places of unbelief and rejection of God. They are frequently the places of greatest heroism, sacrifice, and love. The response of so many Christians to the hurricane tragedies is motivating. The response of Cedarville University students is incredible.

One day there will be no evil. Until then we are called to live out Christ’s love and compassion in a world that is dark and unsavory. Even a little salt and light go a long way.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brown".

Dr. Bill Brown  
President

## WORLD Publisher at Pastors Summit

Cedarville University welcomed Joel Belz, publisher and founder of *WORLD* magazine, as guest speaker at the sixth annual Pastors Summit on November 15. *WORLD* is a weekly news magazine dedicated to reporting news from a Christian perspective. As its publisher, Joel Belz offered pastors and church leaders a unique opportunity to discuss cultural trends and the influence of media on our thoughts, values, and everyday lives.

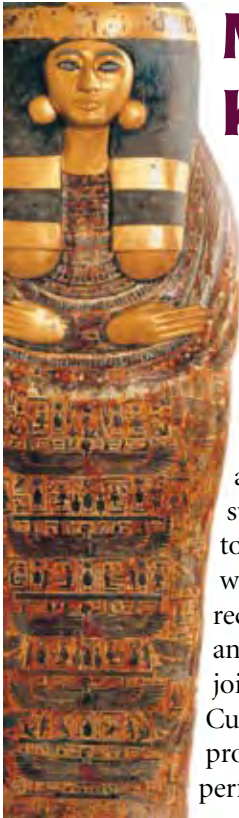


## Mercy TEAM at Work

During October, the Cedarville University student organization Mercy TEAM hosted various events in recognition of Disabilities Awareness Month. Besides holding educational activities on autism and hidden disabilities, the team conducted a “Parents’ Day Out” in which parents of children with disabilities could have CU students watch their children for free, allowing parents to enjoy a few hours of free time.

Mercy TEAM is a student-led organization which seeks to support University students with disabilities and to reach out to individuals with disabilities and their families in the Cedarville area and neighboring communities.

# What's Abuzz



## Mingling with King Tut

OK, King Tut wasn't really there, but the aura of ancient Egypt certainly was. The Dayton Art Institute (DAI) recently hosted the traveling exhibit "Treasures of Ancient Egypt: The Quest for Immortality." On October 28, Cedarville University held a special evening at DAI for students, faculty, staff, Dayton area alumni, and Dayton area prospective students. This allowed the University family to enjoy the fascinating Egyptian collection, which includes sculpture, jewelry, a reconstructed tomb, and even a mummy and coffin. Enhancing the evening was a joint concert by the University's Dr. Bruce Curlette and Charles Pagnard, both professors of music, with cameo performances by University musical groups.

## Beyond Tolerance: Grace



*Dr. Michael O. Emerson, professor of sociology at Rice University, addressed the University family for chapel during the seminar.*

As witnessed in the controversy surrounding Hurricane Katrina, our American culture still struggles with issues of racial tension. The church is not immune to these issues. Christians should be leaders, not followers, when it comes to pursuing racial harmony and unity in our country and in our churches.

Cedarville University's Division of Student Life sponsored the "Beyond Tolerance: Grace" seminar October 26-27, with a desire to provide Christians with resources on race and reconciliation. Through chapel messages, special sessions, the movie *Amistad*, and panel discussions, the seminar urged attendees to think about topics such as

- *Planting and Pastoring a Multicultural Church*
- *Racial Reconciliation: Nice Idea or Heart of the Gospel?*
- *Biblical Foundation for Racial Reconciliation and Diversity*
- *Biblical Christianity or Cultural Christianity*

Jon Purple, assistant to the vice president of student life, said, "We had excellent attendance at all sessions and had the largest crowd ever for an on-campus movie with the showing of *Amistad* with a discussion afterwards. We have conducted some informal interviews for feedback, and it has been overwhelmingly positive. There is little doubt that we will do this or something similar each year."

## Tell Us Your Story

**Spring 2006**

### How Did Cedarville Prepare You for Life?

Did a certain chapel message help you get through a difficult time? Did a specific class or professor help you in your career? Did you grow in your faith in such a way that you live your life differently? Whether it was expected or not, how did Cedarville prepare you for daily or even extraordinary life experiences?

*Submit your story by January 16, 2006.*

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### Can You Find Balance?

Cedarville University equips us to live successful lives. But, how do we do that in the real world? Between family, church, career, and other obligations or interests, how do you find balance? Managing priorities is an ongoing struggle for all of us. What has been your struggle, your failure, your lesson learned, or your best-kept secret to finding balance in your life?

*Submit your story by April 1, 2006.*



# Opening Bell Rings at Cedarville's New KeyBank Trading Center



*With a ring of the bell and a snip of the scissors, Cedarville University opened its KeyBank Trading Center on November 4.*

From the flashy electronic data ticker to the live Bloomberg feed, students in Cedarville University's Department of Business Administration have a market-savvy new environment in which to explore finance. The KeyBank Trading Center officially opened on November 4 in a ceremony packed with KeyBank representatives, University administrators, the Business Advisory Council, DBA students, and DBA faculty and staff.

Thanks to the generous support of KeyBank and the Key Foundation, the KeyBank Trading Center will give Cedarville's 80 finance students access to leading edge technologies and provide a more real-to-life learning experience. The center, located in the Milner Business Administration Building, boasts 20 double-monitor workstations, an electronic data ticker, a data wall of constantly changing financial info, a 63-inch plasma

screen for classroom presentations, and a 37-inch monitor for live financial news feed.

Dr. Bill Ragle, associate professor of finance, shared "[Students] can't learn this kind of stuff from a book. It's interesting to read about the markets and how they work, but to get into the Bloomberg databases and the other databases and see how they work is really exciting. They really begin to understand then."

Jim Reker, KeyBank Managing Director, Public Sector, was both pleased and amazed by how the center had materialized. He said, "I saw it under development stage and it was ... just some two-by-fours and so forth sitting here. Now it looks like a trading floor and acts like a trading floor, and it's a great opportunity for the students to be able to experience what a real trading floor — a real business environment — looks like."

The KeyBank Trading Center is just one facet of a growing relationship between KeyBank and Cedarville University. Over the next three years, KeyBank intends to 1) offer professional counsel to the Cedarville finance program, 2) host students for educational visits to its Cleveland headquarters, 3) offer a summer internship to a Cedarville finance major, and 4) engage the finance faculty in aspects of KeyBank's business.

Cleveland-based KeyCorp is one of the nation's largest bank-based financial services companies, with assets of approximately \$92 billion. Key companies provide investment management, retail and commercial banking, consumer finance, and investment banking products and services to individuals and companies throughout the United States and, for certain businesses, internationally.

## Honor to Whom Honor is Due

### Debate and Forensics Teams Top Strong Rivals

In November, the Cedarville University Debate and Forensics teams joined forces to win the first place grand champion sweepstakes award at the Berea College (Kentucky) John G. Fee Invitational and Cumberland College Curtis Brown Invitational I.E. Swing. Cedarville topped 21 other schools, including nationally recognized Western Kentucky University, Carson-Newman College, and Belmont University.

In the forensics portion of the competition, Megan Waters '08 took second place in pentathlon, a category representing the best overall speaker in five events. The forensics team had finalists in many events, including extemporaneous, impromptu, persuasion, and rhetorical criticism.

The debate team's outstanding finishes included a tournament champion ranking for Emily VanVliet '06 and Nathan Washatka '08, first place in novice debate for Amelia Hoganson '06 and Nila Privedenyuk '08, and first place in novice debate speaking for Mark Miller '09.

The grand champion win came on the heels of a first place debate team victory at the Western Kentucky University Debate Fiesta. There the CU team beat out approximately 20 other schools (including nationally recognized Patrick Henry College, Missouri State University, Purdue University, and Wheaton College). CU's top finishers were:

**Courtney Edmonds '09 and Mark Miller '09**

First place in novice debate

**Amelia Hoganson '06**

Third place speaker award

**Jenna Marcum '08**

Fourth place speaker award

**Andrew Vitaliti '09 and Christen Price '09**

Third place in novice debate

**Jenna Marcum '08 and Becky Smith '08**

Fifth place in novice debate

### Bent on Engineering

On November 12, three seniors and seven juniors became the newest members of Cedarville's Ohio Nu chapter of Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society. Senior inductees are in the top fifth of their engineering class, while juniors are in the top eighth.



# Veterans Day Focuses on Alum

Each year Cedarville University recognizes veterans and active duty military personnel in a deeply patriotic Veterans Day ceremony. This year's ceremony was especially personal for the University family, as the focus was on U.S. Army Captain Charles Robinson '98, who was killed in action on June 3, 2005.

Charlie was killed by a roadside bomb while serving with Special Forces in Afghanistan. His journals revealed that he saw his military service as an awesome duty and opportunity. "Those who have never been a combat arms officer will probably never realize nor understand the privilege or rarity to be in a unit such as mine deployed to a combat zone," Charlie wrote. "You cannot plan or ask for such a position. It does not happen by chance. So here I am. One of the most storied and contested battlefields in history lies right outside my door."

Roger Overturf '75, community relations and ROTC liaison at that time, told the 4,000 Veterans Day guests how Charlie loved building relationships with his men. Charlie recognized that life is short, and, accordingly, he invested in others as a way to give eternal value to his work.

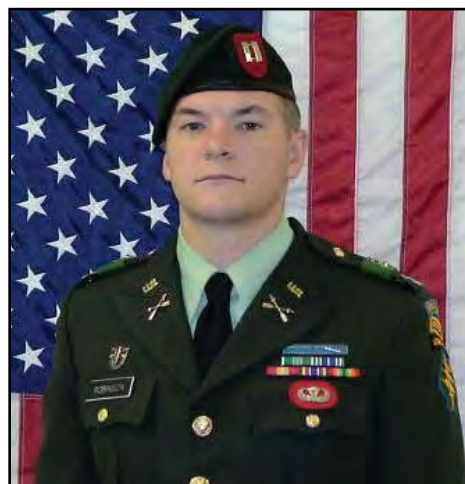
U.S. Army Lt. Col. Paul Burton, one of Charlie's commanding officers, gave a touching remembrance of Charlie and also thanked veterans for defending our freedom.

In attendance were Charlie's widow, Laura (Brown) '99; his parents, the Rev. Charles Jr. and Janet Robinson; his brother, Jeff '04, and sister-in-law, Heather (Whitlock) '01; his sister, Christine; Laura's parents, Bob '71 and Ginny Heal Brown '73; and Laura's brother, Jon Brown '03.

Along with special remembrances of Charlie, the Veterans Day ceremony included rousing patriotic music and the annual "Armed Forces Salute," in which veterans and active duty personnel take the platform and received a standing ovation.



*The late Charlie Robinson '98 and his wife Laura (Brown) '99*



## Seniors

Daniel Gallagher '06  
Nathaniel Miller '06  
Randall Plate '06

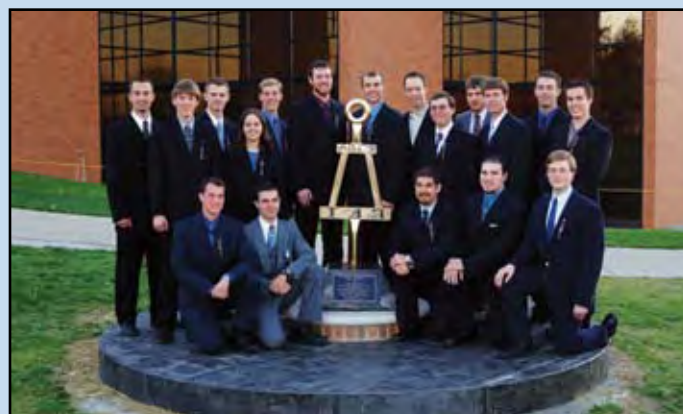
## Juniors

Joshua Blackburn '07  
Jeremy Conyers '07  
Michael Hubenthal '07  
Joshua Lansford '07  
Ryan Prins '07  
Luke Snider '07  
Jonathan D. Taylor '07

In addition, the chapter earned a Secretary's Commendation Award of \$300 for complete and on-time reporting over the last three consecutive years. The senior members of the chapter awarded this money to new junior member Jonathan D. Taylor. A \$300 matching scholarship was presented to new junior member Michael Hubenthal, courtesy of Dr. Stan Baczek's office (dean of the School of Engineering, Nursing, and Science).

Steve Walters '05, who is a Tau Beta Pi member and works at Honda R&D Americas, spoke to the inductees on pursuing your passion for life: serving God, serving others, and seeking the type of employment to which you believe God is directing.

The chapter is led by President Isaac Abbott '06 and advised by Dr. Harwood Hegna, professor of mechanical engineering.



*The latest Cedarville inductees to Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society, pose by the solid brass Bent located in front of ENS. The Bent is the symbol of Tau Beta Pi, which stands for integrity and excellence in engineering and emphasizes broad education and service in the community.*

# Bioethics Conference Focuses on End-of-Life Issues

Terri Schiavo's life and death caused many Americans to consider what they would want for their own end-of-life treatment decisions. Recognizing the dilemmas of such situations, CU and Mount Vernon Nazarene University chose an end-of-life focus for their Eleventh Annual Conference on Bioethical Issues. CU hosted this November 3-4 event.

While the conference was directed toward college students, the public was invited to hear lectures by Robert Orr, M.D., C.M. Dr. Orr is director of clinical ethics at The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity ([www.cbhd.org](http://www.cbhd.org)) and director of ethics at Fletcher Allen Health Care and the University of Vermont College of Medicine. In these capacities, he teaches clinical ethics and provides bedside consultations in clinical ethics to assist physicians, patients, and families in resolving patient care dilemmas.

Using real-life illustrations, Dr. Orr spoke on "Decision-Making at the Bedside," "When Should Religious/Cultural Beliefs Influence Treatment Decisions?," and "Decision-Making at the End of Life." Dr. Dennis Sullivan, CU professor of biology, noted, "His practical, down-to-earth approach was a big hit with everyone."

The conference also included Q&A with Dr. Orr, small-group case study discussions, and a poster session. Dr. Sullivan remarked that attendance was excellent, with 140 registered attendees, and that feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive. He added, "The Q&A and poster sessions were very lively, since the focus was on practical issues, primarily in medical ethics."

*(Right) Dr. Robert Orr expounds on clinical ethics to a captivated audience. (Below) Students discuss bioethics issues at a poster session.*



## Named to Fame

Elvin King '64, women's cross country coach for Cedarville University, was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in November. Although his official induction took place at the NAIA National Cross Country Championships, Cedarville University later held a banquet to celebrate with him. Elvin's wife, Joyce (Walker) '64, and many other family members and friends joined him there.

Elvin, who has been at CU since 1969, founded the Cedarville women's track and cross country programs as well as the NCCAA Track and Field Championships. In 2001, he was named NAIA Coach of the Year and his Lady Jackets captured the NAIA national championship — Cedarville's first in any sport.

Dr. Pam Johnson, dean of the School of Health and Human Performance, said, "Elvin has an incredible ability to see potential in an athlete before there is any evidence to anyone else, including the athlete him/herself. Several of his athletes achieved greatness in athletics and in their walk with the Lord they would never have achieved if Coach King had not been the tool in God's hands to believe in them and help them realize their potential."

Elvin was named to the NCCAA Hall of Fame in 1993, the Cedarville University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988, and has won numerous Coach of the Year awards. He also serves as associate professor of exercise and sport science at Cedarville.





# Leading Ladies


When Jillian Anderson '06 was doing research for her senior theatre recital, she found herself intrigued by two “leading ladies” — Queen Esther and Lisa Beamer (widow of Flight 93 hero Todd Beamer). The similarities she found between the two women resulted in her dramatic presentation “For Such a Time as This,” which intertwines the Book of Esther with excerpts from Lisa’s book *Let’s Roll!*

Challenged by the story of Queen Esther — how she was selected “for such a time as this” and accepted her role — Jillian used the biblical account of Esther as the foundation for her dramatic performance. For modern, personal illustrations of the theme, Lisa Beamer’s book seemed a perfect choice, according to Jillian.


“In spite of the tragedy of her husband’s death on September 11, Lisa believed God was still in control; she chose to live out the realization that God had placed her in this situation ‘for such a time as this,’” Jillian explained. “Like Esther, Lisa chose to display a deep faith that impacted countless lives and challenged the world.”

Jillian noted, “I have become acquainted with two incredible women through this process: one a queen, the other a housewife; one a biblical character, the other a modern-day woman. But both are women of intelligence, courage, and deep faith who were willing to stand up for a cause greater than themselves.” Jillian says she looks forward to many more opportunities to present this timeless message and exclaimed, “What an encouragement and a challenge to realize God can use each one of us for a cause greater than ourselves!”

*For Such a Time as This*  
An Original Dramatic Presentation of  
Queen Esther and Lisa Beamer



December 2, 2005  
7:00 p.m.  
Alford Auditorium



**Jillian Anderson**

## Did You Know?

In case you haven’t heard, Cedarville is not just for undergraduates anymore! Cedarville University offers a master of education degree (M.Ed.) with two emphases — the teacher leader and principal licensure (approval anticipated for Spring 2006) programs. In addition to the Cedarville campus, classes are now being held at convenient locations in Columbus (Ohio) and Indianapolis. Designed for busy teaching professionals, Cedarville’s M.Ed. courses are offered on three to four Saturdays in the fall and spring or in one, two, or three-week modules during the summer. For more information about the M.Ed., including a Spring Semester schedule, visit [www.cedarville.edu/graduate](http://www.cedarville.edu/graduate) or call 1-888-CEDARVILLE.



## CU Welcomes New Orchestra Conductor

The Cedarville University Department of Music and Art is pleased and excited to announce the appointment of Jun Kim as assistant professor of music. Beginning in January 2006, Professor Kim will teach studio violin as well as conduct the Cedarville University Orchestra.



Professor Kim holds degrees from the Peabody School of Music and Indiana University and an artist diploma from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He is completing his D.M.A. in violin performance with a conducting cognate at the University of Cincinnati.

Professor Kim has received many awards for his performance on the violin, including the Starling Competition, the CCM Concerto Competition, The Tuesday Musical Competition of Akron, and the Vancouver Youth Symphony Concerto Competition. Dr. Steven Winteregg, chair of Cedarville’s department of music and art, stated, “We are really excited about adding a musician of Jun Kim’s caliber to the CU music faculty. He will help us to make a strong program even stronger.”

# The 2005 Alumni Awards

## Distinguished Service Award Clarence Gray '37

"One of Clarence's greatest joys is meeting Cedarville students!" shared Kim Botta Longo '02, assistant director of gift planning. "You should see him light up when the University is the center of the conversation. He is convinced that America's culture can be transformed by the exceptional graduates of Cedarville University — starting in our nation's public school system. His vision is to populate public schools with men and women of exceptional intelligence, passion for teaching, and 'personal courage in standing for the Word of God and the cause of Christ.'"

With serious intent to see America's public schools changed, Clarence initiated The Gray-Paxson Scholarship in 1997 to cover 75% of tuition for select Cedarville education majors. He then established a charitable remainder trust that will ultimately endow the scholarship.

Clarence believes in the University's education program, having graduated from it himself. He had planned to be a teacher after his Cedarville years; however, this plan was cut short by World War II, which led him into military service and a 13-year career in the U.S. Air Force.

While in the military, Clarence's insatiable appetite for learning caused him to attend The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business. He earned his master of business administration degree in 1952 and then went on to an employee relations position for Cincinnati's General Electric Aircraft Division.

In the 1970s, Clarence became vice president of human resources for the Carborundum Company. He traveled to Europe, Japan, and South America to assess manufacturing plant effectiveness and quality and to negotiate labor details.

Now retired and living in Naples, Florida with his wife, Rachel, Clarence enjoys keeping tabs on the latest developments of his alma mater and acting as a volunteer Cedarville admissions counselor to his six grandchildren.



## Impact Award Van Holloway '88 '04 M.Ed.

"Having had the opportunity to get to know Mr. Holloway in the context of a church ministry, I've seen firsthand his love for students and his contagious enthusiasm for learning," said Jennifer



Lewellyn '05. "I've heard of his reputation as a science teacher at Xenia (Ohio) Christian High School — that his class is hard but fun."

Along with his work at Xenia Christian, Van serves at Cedarville University as an adjunct professor in the department of science and mathematics. Even in the "distant" format of his online biology course, he works to get to know his students and be available to them.

Although Van is known for having high expectations for his students, he considers building relationships and fostering a positive environment to be by far the most important thing he does in the classroom. And when dealing with discipline issues, Van's foremost thought is the heart of the student, rather than a focus on the behavior. He endeavors to resolve the spiritual aspect of discipline problems, knowing that once the heart is righted, other details will fall in place.

Van's love for students and for teaching took him to the Dominican Republic in 2000. There he shared teaching strategies and methods with science teachers at Logos Christian School as part of a teacher exchange program.

Jennifer continued, "Mr. Holloway has been a model to me of a Christ-centered life as he pours out his life to his students, to kids in juvenile detention (through a Friday night ministry), to his church, and to others who know him. He tries to think about things through the lens of Scripture. He is respected by all who know him."

Van and his wife, Janell (Kelley) '90, reside in Xenia with their children, Jacob (14), Jared (12), Jason (10), and Jesse (8). Van remarked, "My personal goal is to carry out God's commands because His way is the winning way."

## Alumni of the Year Curtis '83 and Carol Stoltzfus Hoke '82

Curtis recalls that the most enjoyable part about his Cedarville years was that he met and courted his wife, Carol, there. Little did he know back then that the Lord had a special team ministry planned for him and Carol.

Just weeks after Curtis graduated from Cedarville in 1983, a diving accident left him a quadriplegic. Despite the circumstances, Curtis and Carol purposed to join together for a lifelong partnership, and they married in 1985.

Some time later, Dick Walker '74 sent the Hokes a Joni and Friends (JAF) film about helping children relate to people with disabilities. Founded by a quadriplegic Christian named Joni Eareckson Tada, JAF is an organization which ministers to people





with disabilities. The Hokes began showing the film and sharing their testimony to anyone who asked, including Christian schools, churches, and summer camps.

Over the years, the Hokes' relationship with JAF grew. For the past four years, the Hokes have taken a short-term missions team from their church to a JAF family retreat, where they minister to families affected by disabilities. "They have used Curtis' circumstance for God's glory in such an amazing way," said Faith Linn '83, director of alumni relations.

Along with their ministries to those with disabilities, Curtis and Carol are active in their church. They team-teach fourth grade Sunday school, and Curtis leads worship and is an elder.

The Hokes reside in Elverson, Pennsylvania, where Curtis is the office manager for Stoltzfus Enterprises, Ltd., a home-building company founded by his father-in-law. Carol owns a small private elementary school where she teaches approximately a dozen students.

The Hokes have three children: Cynthia (16), Abigail (8), and Jesse (4).

## Honorary Alumnus of the Year

### J. Wesley Baker

As distinguished professor of communication arts and director of the electronic media program at Cedarville, Wes maintains a busy schedule of teaching, consulting, speaking, and writing. He is widely respected for his expertise and development of media technology programs, and he is passionate about keeping up-to-date with the rapidly changing landscape of electronic media. Along with his key involvement on numerous planning committees, Wes has received a number of teaching and innovation awards, including Cedarville's Faculty Member of the Year (2000) and Faculty Scholar Award (2003). However, Wes is admired for much more than his scholarly knowledge.

"J. Wesley Baker has been my professor, colleague, mentor, and friend for nearly 30 years," shared Jim Leightenheimer '80, associate professor of communication arts. "As my professor, Wes inspired me, by example, to work hard to excel in my studies and to use my abilities and skills to serve the Lord. As my colleague and mentor, Wes has challenged me, again by example, to build into the lives of hundreds of students. As my friend, Wes has been an encourager and an example of faithful Christian service."

Our students know that while no one will academically challenge them more than Wes, he will also give them the tools necessary to learn and will always be available (even in the middle of the night



by e-mail) to give a helping hand. I have never known anyone who more earnestly seeks to redeem the time and talents that God has given."

Wes joined the Cedarville faculty in 1977 and holds degrees from Bob Jones University, the University of South Carolina, and The Ohio State University. His wife, Rebecca, is an assistant professor of communication arts at Cedarville. The Bakers have four children: Vanessa '01, Nathaniel '05, Katharine '08, and Elizabeth, a high school senior.

## Young Alumna of the Year

### Shari Kregel Gray '99

Upon graduating with her bachelor of science in nursing degree, Shari wanted a job that would fulfill her greatest passion: ministering to those who are hurting. In line with this desire, she took a nursing position in the neonatal intensive care unit at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. During her second year there, Shari began to realize the Lord had another path planned for her as her heart became burdened for the growing number of orphaned children in Africa.

In the fall of 2001, Shari departed for South Africa to assist Evangelical Baptist Missions (EBM) in the start-up of the Bethesda Outreach Children's Home for orphans of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. At Bethesda, Shari worked in preschool, health, baby ministry, outreach, and public relations roles. She helped organize Bethesda work teams from Cedarville and other churches and schools, and she led a Bible study with teen girls at her church.

After three years, Shari knew that God was leading her back to the U.S. although the reason remained unclear. She moved to Indianapolis and took up a nursing role in the pediatric intensive care unit of Riley Children's Hospital. However, she stayed involved with Bethesda through volunteer work at EBM's home office.

It wasn't long before the Lord revealed yet another step in His path for Shari. She met Stephen Gray, and the two married just a few months ago. The Grays are rejoicing in God's path for them and anticipate serving Him wherever and in whatever ways He chooses to lead them.

"I am so thankful that God doesn't leave us to choose our own path by our limited human perspective, but instead guides us along the very path that He knows is best for us," Shari stated. "My greatest desire is that God will be glorified through whatever circumstances He allows into my life to conform me more closely to the image of Christ."



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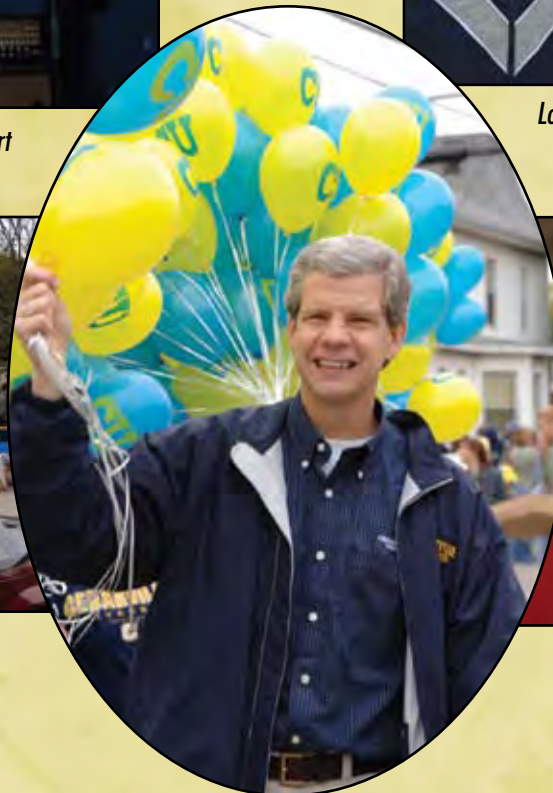
*Steven Curtis Chapman provided a concert filled with praise and worship.*



*Loren Reno '70 and his children, Rachel '00 and Joseph '03, made the 5K a family affair.*



*Members of the Alumni Council enjoyed tossing candy along the parade route.*



*Reconnecting with old friends is what Homecoming is all about.*



*Elaine Stone Eppler '85, Barb Taylor Woodard '85, Chris Dell Eckley '85, and Esther Bucklew Villingier '85 reunited for the first time in 20 years.*



*Craig '75 and Carolyn Wolfe Williford '75 enjoyed catching up with classmates Jim '75 and Teresa Cooper Clark '75.*





*Sharing stories from the past was the highlight of many reunions.*



*The Class of 2000 found it hard to believe that five years has already passed.*



*Taking advantage of the new facilities on campus, alumni found lots of places to stop and visit.*



*Dr. Dixon '94H (and his likeness displayed in the sculpture "Good News") is still a favorite with the kids.*



*Taking the party outside, soccer fans enjoyed the 4-0 win against Concordia.*



*The Class of 1965 posed for a group shot while celebrating their 40th reunion.*

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*Founders Hall (a.k.a. the Ad Building or Old Main) continues to be the place to connect with friends and classmates.*



# What's the Word?

## Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

by Dr. David Drullinger

The Apostle Paul challenged his young friend, Timothy, to be a student of the Word, i.e., to so study the Scripture that he would be able to “divide” it accurately, preach it authoritatively, and apply it personally to himself and his hearers. The 2,000 years since Paul penned those words have given rise to a variety of philosophical and personal speculations which have resulted in a *distortion* of the truth rather than accurate *division* (interpretation) of it.

Thus now, more than ever before, it is reasonable to advocate the theological training of our college-age young people in a theologically conservative environment. There are several choices for the serious student: Bible colleges, Christ-centered liberal arts colleges, and seminaries. Each has its strengths; each has its mission; each has its contribution to make to the field of theological preparation. But conservative institutions have a common commitment: the authority and authenticity of God’s Word.

To some, the term “conservative” connotes an attempt to indoctrinate or control the thinking of the learner. Much is made of the historic significance of the term, i.e., being satisfied with the status quo and being intrinsically resistant to change. On the other hand, the term “liberal” is associated with liberation — the freeing of the mind for its pursuits and ideological conclusions. Such a concern is valid when it comes to social change, methodological modifications, etc. But when “liberal” means abandoning the absolute values of God’s absolute truth, one does well to be wary.

The psalmist observed, “Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven” (Psalm 119:89, NKJV). Jesus affirmed the psalmist’s conclusion when, in the Sermon on the Mount, He declared that not even the slightest pen mark of a Hebrew letter would pass away from the revealed text of Scripture.

In another psalm, David wrote, “For You have magnified Your word above all Your name” (Psalm 138:2b, NKJV). God, who has revealed Himself in the propositional revelation of Scripture, has ascribed to it a place of honor and a nature of immutability that approximates the authority and warrants the reverence due His name.

Theological study in an environment that honors the authority and immutability of Scripture allows the message God intended to emerge from it rather than the philosophical speculations of men imposed upon it. Such an environment allows the student preparing for ministry to approach the culture to which he or she is called with an appreciation for how the Word of God evaluates it. It influences the student to see every human person as an imagebearer of God and a person for whom Christ died. It allows the student to value people as God does without the bias, either positive or negative, that often results from loose or liberal interpretations of Scripture. It is from the latter that the



social gospel was born in the latter part of the 19th century and the early years of the 20th. From a theology that denied the person and work of Jesus as Christ was born a “gospel of works.” People were encouraged to do what Jesus would do in confronting social ills and thereby earn access to the Kingdom (Matthew 25:31-46). Liberalism, as opposed to conservatism, thus contributed to many being lost to a Christless eternity because the speculations of men were substituted for the propositional statements of God.

The failure of the social gospel is all too evident in the contemporary culture. Crowded prisons; increased numbers of homeless people; the ravages of disease, famine, and human suffering all bear witness to the fact that sin, rather than social conditions, is the root of the problem. Faithfulness to the gospel of grace to first of all cure the disease of the soul is the need of the hour. Those studying for ministry in the context of a theologically conservative environment are equipped to be faithful ambassadors for Christ with the message of grace.

Theological conservatism does not imply an unwillingness or inability to think. Rather it affords the student to think “Christianly” or biblically. Such students will not think with the darkened mind that is characteristic of the Gentiles but rather with the enlightenment inherent in salvation. Their renewed minds are energized by a truly liberating reality: they think with the mind of Christ.

## Preparing for Impact

by Michael Parrott

Just at the time when students are making lifelong and major decisions, they begin undergraduate education and training. Many questions surface during these transitional years. What should young men and women look for in a university? What should they expect to attain while they attend? Usually academic programs and making new friends are high on the list. However, is this all they should consider?

When I came to Cedarville just a year and a half ago to teach in the youth ministries major, I was moved by the stories of Cedarville students. So many of our students have hearts for God and expect God do great things through them! I kept thinking, “This is the type of educational environment I’d love having my own children experience.” In fact, our youngest is now a sophomore here at Cedarville.

After 30 years in full-time ministry to youth and youth organizations, I now have the privilege of teaching another generation how to reach and disciple youth. The need is great. There are more than 56,000 high schools, junior high schools, and middle schools in America alone. Youth workers see the greatest response to the gospel with 85% of believers making a decision for Christ before the age of 18. Most significant is that 50% of these decisions for Christ are made in junior high or middle school.

In addition to the youth ministries major, the department of biblical education offers majors in Bible teacher education,





Christian education, comprehensive Bible, international studies-missiology, pastoral studies, philosophy, and preseminary Bible, along with our newly revised women's ministry minor.

Each student has the incredible opportunity to learn from 20 full-time faculty members in our department. Those who teach and mentor in the department are qualified academically as well as experientially. Our professors possess long-term and successful ministry track records. This combination of ministry experience and academic ability helps to create a biblically balanced and relevant atmosphere for each student as they prepare for life and vocational ministry. Hence, each student can experience a broad range of educational experiences. Some of these in-class and out-of-class experiences include communicating their faith on a secular college campus, experiencing the reality of urban ministry from a homeless perspective, developing a discipleship plan for new Christians, discipling students, and impacting children, youth, or adults in various settings.

In addition to more than 300 students majoring within the department of biblical education, we have the opportunity to impact each and every Cedarville student. Every student will minor in the Bible program in addition to majoring in their field of study. In this environment every student learns to think biblically, engage in personal Bible study, become familiar with both Testaments, and learn to apply truth to real-life situations.

Another unique aspect of Cedarville entails the institutional priority of integrating faith and knowledge. While students are trained in the skills and knowledge to serve and excel in various fields such as nursing, history, media, etc., each student also learns how to integrate biblical truth with the knowledge of their specific discipline. This model of integration is reflected throughout campus. Currently about one in 10 students are involved each year in mission projects that take them (and their skills) around the world. In addition, about 80 different teams of students serve the greater Dayton and Cincinnati area in churches and various community organizations.

In today's Postmodern culture, where answers to basic life-shaping questions are being redefined (for example, "What is marriage?" "What is the family?" "What is truth?" "What is right or wrong?" "What is the nature of man?" "What is the best way to change people for the better?"), there is a need for students to have the skills and training necessary to respond biblically. I cherish the call and opportunity to educate and equip students as I help them engage and impact the world for Christ.

## Two Sermons of Major Impact

by Dr. David Mappes

At the turn of the 20th century, the church faced significant and multi-faceted challenges. Industrial changes in the latter half of the 19th century were transforming rural American society into a rapidly growing, urban, industrial, fast-paced society. Social changes, however, were not the only challenge the church encountered. The very essence and understanding of the gospel and truth were challenged.



Harry Emerson Fosdick (a noted liberal spokesman) claimed that the church could no longer debate between old historical theology and the new theology but rather, Fosdick contended, the church must decide between either no theology or the new theology (see Harry Emerson Fosdick, *Christianity and Progress*, New York: Fleming H. Revell, 74-76). Fosdick was convinced the church's historic positions on essential matters of truth were incorrect.

Fosdick advocated this new theology and new understanding of the gospel as he preached his most famous sermon titled "Shall the Fundamentalist Win?" In this sermon he challenged the church to embrace a new, tolerant, more open, and less exclusive understanding of Christianity. He essentially redefined key doctrinal truths of Christianity. Fosdick and others redefined and thus denied the virgin birth, the Trinity, the deity of our precious Lord and His physical return, the historicity of various miracles including inspiration, and the substitutionary atonement, etc. Fosdick's intent was to build a bridge between liberal churches and conservative churches. He continually cited new discoveries in science and literature as products of Modernism, which he argued should be used as a lens to reinterpret Scripture. Fosdick and others referred to those who did not embrace these new ideas and interpretative model as *fundamentalist*.

While some conservative believers retreated and marginalized non-conservatives through reductionistic rhetoric, many believers rose up to clearly articulate, teach, and thus defend Scripture and the faith. Clarence E. Macartney was one such man. Macartney was an ordained Presbyterian minister and Princeton graduate. He responded to Fosdick's sermon with a sermon of his own titled "Shall Unbelief Win?" Macartney biblically defended these key core beliefs of Christianity in his sermon and in more than 57 books. Macartney argued from the context of Scripture as he employed a grammatical historical model to surface the intention of the Scripture authors. This sermon and many others are a testament to the literary clarity of Scripture on these critical issues of the faith.

Today, the 21st century church also faces incredible social and theological challenges. In recent years a number of critical interpretative issues have arisen in both the academic and evangelical community. These issues range from a redefinition of inspiration and inerrancy to redefining truth along with the knowability of truth and in some cases even denying the absoluteness and universality of truth. Other questions involve the interpretative process, the proper understanding of justification, matters of the atonement, the sufficiency of language to communicate truth, and the very nature of propositional revelation. Other issues include the fate of those who have not believed and those who have never heard the gospel.

*Many of these interpretative issues have to do with the nature, the resident authority, and the clarity of Scripture.* The post-conservative movement offers many significant theological challenges today. Rather than allowing Modernism or Postmodernism to serve as a lens for interpreting Scripture, believers must maintain a high commitment to the full verbal inspiration and inerrancy of the Scriptures and, like Clarence E. Macartney, allow the Scriptures to speak to the issues of the day.

# A Heartfelt Letter

from Lucinda Hickey King '03

Dear Friends and Family,

As Will and I look over these last several weeks, we are amazed and grateful for what God has done in our lives through you. Our God is great, and we would like to share how wonderful and faithful He is.

Rediscovering God's greatness began when we evacuated New Orleans. As we watched the storm from my parents' home in Florida, we were thankful to be out of harm's way. As news of the damage to our neighborhood reached us, we were filled with peace - God was in control and He would help us move on. Days passed, and we began to realize that we would not be returning to live in New Orleans. We decided to move to North Carolina where Will's mom lives and finish school at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. We found a wonderful apartment and new jobs - things were looking up for us. When many people were still homeless, God blessed us with wisdom and strength to move forward.

We had only been in our new home a few weeks when we received news that my brother-in-law had been killed in an accident. Nevertheless, through it all, the Lord was with us. Again He filled us with an unimaginable peace. We knew that God would help us through this, but had someone told me months ago about all that would take place, I would have never thought that I could get through it.

Shortly afterwards, we received word that we would be able to return to New Orleans to recover whatever belongings we had left. Again God's amazing grace was revealed. When we reached our second-floor apartment, what we found will always be a great mystery to me. The water came only as high as the top of the first floor. Our apartment was high and dry by only a few inches. Downstairs was completely destroyed. The upstairs was exactly the way it was the day we evacuated. Will's car was the only thing destroyed - everything else just smelled really bad.

Since we couldn't find anyone to help us move the heavy items, we packed what we could that day and hoped the next day we would find help. On the way out, we received word that the building would be locked that night and afterwards no one would be allowed to enter the building. It was too dangerous. We unsuccessfully begged for more time - after all, everything was packed - we just needed help moving. We then found a person to help us load as much as we could until the truck was full and the sunlight ended. Only a few unimportant things were left behind.

God is so good, and we will praise Him. We truly appreciate all that you have done, and we are so blessed by you.

Thank you so much,  
Lucinda King

William and Lucinda Hickey King '03 were attending New Orleans Baptist Seminary when Hurricane Katrina hit. They hope to finish their degrees at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary this year. You may contact them at [wrlchng4@aol.com](mailto:wrlchng4@aol.com).



# Boots for His Purpose

by Jack Legg '09

*Jack Legg is a freshman youth ministries major who took part in a recent Fall Break hurricane relief trip to New Orleans. The work boots he bought for the trip made more of a difference than he could have imagined. Following is his story about the experience.*

Two weeks prior to leaving for New Orleans to assist with hurricane relief, I went shopping to buy some supplies for my trip. After hearing of the conditions in the city where I'd be working, I decided that I would need some strong work boots. After shopping around for a while, I found the perfect pair. They were strong leather boots. Not only were they steel-toed and waterproof, but they were extremely comfortable as well. Really, these were some great boots. I loved them. I paid for the pair, and, pleased with my success in boot shopping, purchased some other supplies and returned to campus to wait for the trip to commence during Fall Break.

Upon arriving in New Orleans, we met up with the church we'd be working with. The team I was assigned to would be working with CAM International, a missionary organization which ministers to Central American immigrants in the New Orleans area. We were sent into a Spanish-speaking community to help families as they tore down their homes and cleaned up mold for rebuilding. Over the next three days, we removed moldy sheet rock, waterlogged ceilings, and contaminated flooring. Essentially, we gutted the homes until the insides were on the outside. The work was hard, and everyone on my team did their very best. By the end of the week, many things had been accomplished.

Prior to leaving for the trip, there were concerns that shoes worn at the work sites would not be worth bringing home again, so I was quite pleased at the end of three days to see that my boots were in good condition. They were still top quality, except for a little dust and grime from the homes and yards I'd been in. As the third day of work came to a close, I felt that my new boots would be good for many more months of use. I really had made a good choice in buying them.

But as I loaded debris into a wheelbarrow at the final house, I became unsettled. For some reason, I could not stop thinking about the boots. I felt a tremendous need to get rid of them somehow. There was no reason why I couldn't keep them, but I felt the urge to part with them. I didn't know why or how, but I wanted to leave the boots in New Orleans.

I looked across the street and saw that one of the missionary workers from CAM International was pulling up in his truck to help on the work site. Keep in mind, I had never met this man in person nor had I ever spoken to him. I just knew who he was because he had been introduced in front of the group. As I stood there working, I still had my boots on my mind. I continued working for a few minutes, and finally, being confused over my preoccupation with my footwear, I found myself approaching the man. As usual, I had no idea what I was doing.

I said, "Hey, do you think someone at the church could use a pair of work boots if I left them behind?" I pointed to my boots.

He said, "Yes. Actually, I could use some boots like that."

He paused and lifted his foot so I could see his shoes. They were old tennis shoes, full of holes and falling apart.

"What size are they?" he asked with a somewhat skeptical tone. Judging by my height compared to his, I don't think he thought there was the slightest chance that our feet were the same size. Really, neither did I.

"Size 12," I answered.

He was quiet for a moment. "That's my size."

So, I took off the boots and gave them to him. I went back to the bus and put on my tennis shoes and returned to the work site to finish up the work so my team could head home.

I was sort of stunned over the encounter. Most people said, "Gee, what a coincidence." That wasn't enough for me. Think about it — what are the odds that, on a whim, I would approach a random stranger and ask him if he

knew anyone who needed boots? What are the odds that the first person I approached would be in desperate need of boots?

Further still, what are the odds that this person would be in need of the very size I was wearing? I am convinced God sent me to New Orleans to give that man a pair of boots. God had that pair of boots specially made for His own purpose. When I went to the store, God had that pair of boots in mind for me to wear for three days of labor, and He had those same boots in mind for a man in New Orleans whom I had never met and will probably never see again on this side of glory. Some may think I am making too much out of a single pair of boots,

but I think not. God does work in amazing ways on a daily basis. There is no such thing as a coincidence. If we want to see God at work in our lives, all we have to do is open our eyes.



# Gifts Abundant

by Dr. Carl Ruby '83, CU Vice President for Student Life

As SGA chapel closed on Friday, September 30, the chaplain led students in worship and gave them an opportunity to come forward with an offering for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Three baskets were positioned on the platform at the front of the Jeremiah Chapel as the worship team began to play. What happened next was one of the most rewarding experiences of my 20-plus years at Cedarville. Even now, more than a month later, memories of this service stir strong emotions of gratitude and thankfulness.

Earlier that week, Dr. Bill Brown challenged us to think of ways that we could respond as a University to this disaster. I met with students later that evening, and we discussed different goals that we could reach for together. After a period of brainstorming we said, "What if we sought to raise \$100,000 and send 250 volunteers to help disaster victims?" These numbers, especially the financial goal, were far beyond what we had ever accomplished as a student body, but after consulting with Dr. Brown, Pastor Bob Rohm went ahead and announced these goals to the student body. We anticipated taking a full year to reach for these goals, and we were sure that we would need plenty of help from alumni, donors, and others to supplement the contributions made by our students.

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The day that the goal was announced, student body chaplain Ben Waddell approached me and asked if the student body could take the first offering that Friday, just a few days after the goal was announced. As God's providence would have it, I was scheduled to speak in chapel that Thursday, the day before the offering. I had a message ready to go that I had worked on over the summer, but on Wednesday afternoon I felt that God wanted me to talk about giving instead. I turned to II Corinthians 8 and 9 and quickly pulled together a new message centered on the following nine principles from this passage:

1. To be able to give, it takes grace.
2. Give as much as you are able ... and beyond.
3. Give entirely on your own.
4. Recognize that it is a privilege to share.
5. Giving is a test of the sincerity of our love.
6. Our giving should reflect a concern for the inequities in our world.
7. Careful administration of our gifts honors God.



*Dr. Carl Ruby '83 leads a devotional time on the bus to New Orleans.*

8. Don't give grudgingly.
9. Generous giving often results in thanksgiving and praise to God.

That night, student leaders canvassed the residence halls, asking their peers to pray and to give. As they went through the halls, I am told that a line began to form at the campus' only ATM machine — a line that eventually stretched all the way across the lower level of the Stevens Student Center as students prepared for the offering.

On Friday morning we had a fairly typical student chapel service, but as the service came to an end students were given an opportunity to come forward with their gifts. In a very low-key manner, Ben told his classmates if they wanted to give they could come forward while we closed the service with a few praise songs. Almost at once, nearly the entire student body responded. The aisles were quickly packed. Within minutes the line stretched all the way to the back of the chapel and up into the balcony. Soon the baskets were overflowing with cash and checks. Perhaps the most moving moment for me was watching as one student in a wheelchair struggled to get close enough to the stage to present her gift. Nearly \$65,000 came in all at once for those who had been affected by Hurricane Katrina. After chapel, there were two boxes in the Student Center where students and staff could continue to give. An additional \$10,000 came in during the rest of the morning and early afternoon. Gifts continued to come in, and in a little over a week we surpassed our goal of raising \$100,000. There was an energy on campus unlike anything that I had ever experienced as we stood back and watched what God was doing.

Attention quickly shifted to recruiting volunteers, finding suitable projects for our students, and raising more money to cover the cost of the trip. It would cost nearly \$90,000 to send so many students to the area affected by the storm, and we had promised students that their offering would go directly to people and ministries affected by the storm, not to transportation costs.



On October 19 the first group of 281 students left campus in caravans of four chartered buses and 19 vans, heading to six different sites scattered along the coast. I had the opportunity to travel with one team of 57 students and staff to New Orleans. Collectively, over the next three days our teams gutted nearly 50 houses and logged more than 6,150 hours of labor.

Though excited about what God was doing overall, I was nagged with feelings of disappointment about the project that had been assigned to my team. We were being sent to a public school in New Orleans. In my mind, I had envisioned us working in neighborhoods with families affected by the storm. We had hoped and prayed for opportunities to share the gospel, but our team of nearly 60 people was sent to a school where our contact was limited to primarily one person, the school's football coach. He was a tough former Marine with a Boston accent and a no-nonsense attitude. Little had been done to the school since the storm. The power was still out, the neighborhood was empty, and the high school students were dispersed to other states.

We met briefly with the football coach, and he told us what needed to be done. Perhaps the most intimidating project was the gymnasium. The floor was warped so badly that under one basketball backboard students could stand on the floor and grab the rim. The bleachers needed to be dismantled and removed, and beneath all of this there was still standing water left over from the storm. There was no way to clean up the mess other than to smash everything apart and carry it out one waterlogged, smelly armload at a time. Elsewhere in the school building students emptied a ruined band room, moved thousands of library books, and cleaned out faculty and administrative offices.

We worked for three long days, and as we worked parents and other teachers began to stop by to see what was happening. Each person who stopped asked the same questions, "Where are you guys from?" and "Why did these students give up their break to come to New Orleans?" Our answer was always the same: "We think Jesus would be in New Orleans assisting those in need."

I have never been prouder of a group of students than I was with this team. They worked tirelessly and without a single complaint. Instead of asking, "How much longer do we need to work?" they asked, "Do we have to stop at 5:00?"

Over and over again the coach commented on how shocked he was at how much our students accomplished and at how little direction or supervision they required.

The last day of our trip we put away our tools, cleaned up the work site, and gathered for prayer, reflection on what we had learned, and songs of praise. The coach, the principal, several teachers, and a few families watched and listened as the team prayed and sang. There were many tearful eyes. I noticed one family standing in the back, arms wrapped around one another, quietly weeping.

Then the coach stepped forward. He cleared his throat and said, "I don't normally do this, but I have a few comments."

With tears in his eyes and a cracking voice he said, "I don't know about anyone else, but I have seen Jesus this weekend. He came to this high school in the lives of these students, and I've seen Him. Someday my wife and I will be principals in charge of hiring teachers ... the first place we will come is Cedarville University." Then in what I'm sure was an unusual practice, he said

that he would like to offer a brief prayer for us. In the manner of a former Marine and football coach with a somewhat spicy vocabulary, he thanked God for our team and asked God to bless us.

It was difficult leaving New Orleans because there is still so much to do. I've told just one story centered on one team. There are dozens of stories like it stretching from New Orleans to Biloxi, Mississippi and Mobile, Alabama.

I have a growing stack of notes and letters from people whose lives were touched by these trips. One student wrote, "God really works in ways that seem strange ... for me to be carrying trash and doing filthy jobs that in turn bring glory to Him. It's amazing how experiences over just a few days will influence me for the rest of my life."

As I reflect on the past few weeks, I'm profoundly thankful for God's grace, power, and goodness. I'm thankful for the

kind of student that God continues to send us. I'm excited about qualities that I see in the next generation of leaders that we are preparing. They are willing to take crazy risks for God's glory. They're willing to get themselves dirty doing His work. And when given a pat on the back, they quickly divert the praise to their Savior Jesus Christ. May people like Charlie the football coach continue to see Jesus in them.

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*Carl and a student survey some of the destruction wrought by Hurricane Katrina near one of the New Orleans levees that broke.*

# Coming Together in Crisis

Tami Lockwood Alexander '91

Like most of the world, Tami Lockwood Alexander '91 was glued to the television when Hurricane Katrina hit the coast of her home state. Tami lives in Ruston, Louisiana — about six hours north of New Orleans. Her husband, Dee, is the music minister at Christ Community Church where many members have family from areas devastated by the hurricanes. “As the storm approached I prayed for the safety of everyone I knew,” Tami recalled.



Realizing that many people would need shelter, Tami prayed and began calling her friends to get a count of how many family members they would be taking in. “Within 24 hours our church families took in 265 family members, along with their dogs, cats, birds, fish, and even iguanas,” Tami said. In response, Tami and others began cooking and taking meals to the expanded families. Soon her church set up a place to feed the families a daily meal. It was exhausting, but rewarding. Tami explained, “I served at church every day and went around talking to everyone, hugging them, listening to their stories, wiping their tears.”

The city of Ruston took in 5,000 people. Many refugees lived in the civic center and some in local churches, while others stayed at Louisiana Tech in Ruston. “We had about 300 children enrolled in our schools. Tulane University in New Orleans took a lot of damage, so their football team lived on campus,” Tami commented. When the levees broke, everyone knew the evacuees would be staying for a long while. In response, Tami and her church family began gathering things to clothe and assist those displaced by the storm. “Many of these people did not think to leave with more than just a couple of days clothing, so I gathered baby clothes, adult clothes, and kids clothes,” Tami explained. “My kids even got involved with giving their toys and books when they found out that these children had lost it all. I also did a rotation of laundry duty for evacuees at the laundromat.”

It was a very quick and coordinated effort, which Tami said was to the Lord's credit. “I saw His hand move — not mine,” she reflected. There were tough moments. One day, immediately after the hurricane, Tami went to the local library. There she was, surrounded by weeping adults and

children who were looking at pictures of their eradicated neighborhoods. Tami introduced herself to one of the distraught adults and his family. Donald was a personal trainer from a prestigious gym in New Orleans (which was then underwater). He was very frustrated, so Tami knelt down next to him and asked him and his family to tell her their story. Tami learned that they had driven to a state park in Ruston where they were living in a motor home

while trying to find out about family and friends, as well as how to pay bills, get in touch with FEMA and the Red Cross, and tend to other related matters. After hearing his story, Tami said, “I gave him my name and number, and I took his.” And then she invited them to dinners at her church and helped make other contacts for them. “I told Donald I was praying for him, and he thanked me for being a friend. It was God!” she added.

Tami still keeps in touch with Donald. She has learned he is back in New Orleans, training clients and doing demolition work. His house is completely gone, and he plans to file for bankruptcy.

Many of the refugees who earlier fled to Ruston are gone. Some have moved back to attempt to either clean up, sell, or live with someone else. “Still some,” Tami said, “are presently in Ruston and are selling their properties, putting their kids in our schools, and finding jobs. I have one family in my community group who is here to stay.” In the aftermath, Christ Community Church remains connected with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in New Orleans, offering financial and labor assistance.

Reaching out to the victims has been bittersweet for Tami. While it is a blessing to help, it is emotionally hard to see their suffering. “I am brokenhearted for these people,” Tami said. “I pray for them and send a little money to them when I can. I keep telling myself that God is in control and that He has a plan and a purpose.”

*Tami and Dee have three children: Johnathan (6), Emogene (4), and Chloe (2). Dee is the minister of music at Christ Community Church in Ruston, Louisiana, and he and Tami enjoy working on theatre projects together for the city, church, and university. You may e-mail Tami at [tamilenae@hotmail.com](mailto:tamilenae@hotmail.com).*



# A Letter of Loving Care

by Melanie Reber '03

**I**n September 2005, I traveled to Gulfport, Mississippi to help with the hurricane relief effort. WOW, what a trip. God was continually faithful throughout the week I was there and showed Himself in awesome ways.

The devastation we saw was truly shocking, but what impressed me the most were the people. From the residents to the volunteers to the military — everyone was just amazing. The spirit down there was definitely not one of defeat but of perseverance, unity, and thankfulness.

I went down with Christ in Action ministries. The services we provided included serving three meals a day (serving more than 5,000!), goods distribution, housing repair (roofing mainly), chainsaw crews, ice and water distribution, and more. So needless to say, we were busy! But the people were thankful for every meal, every bag of ice, every smile, and every prayer. The most exciting thing for me was interacting with all the different people, especially the residents.

Among other things, I got to go into the community to assess homes that needed help in cutting up fallen trees. Then, I went back with a chainsaw crew to actually do it! My favorite part was praying with residents when we were done and seeing the look of hope fill their faces where it had been either faint or fleeting.

My favorite God story was when, as we were driving around, He directed us to the house of a single mom and her youngest daughter. We pulled up just as the mom was about to reach her breaking point because she had a huge tree down on a fence in her backyard. Unfortunately, not everyone is so kind in these situations, and her neighbor was giving her a hard time about the tree, and someone else was going to charge her \$3,000 to cut it up and take it away! Relief and joy flooded her face as we offered to cut up her tree for FREE in the next couple of days.

As it turned out, she is a nurse and single mother of three girls. She and her youngest daughter had just moved into the house three weeks before the storm hit. They decided to wait out the storm in the house. They watched the waters rise and realized they had no way of escape because their upstairs windows had been bolted shut from the outside, and they had a galvanized roof. I can only imagine watching the waters rise and waiting for the moment when you would have to jump into it. Thankfully the waters didn't get to that point, and they were saved. We prayed with them and left, but I will never forget them.

One special gift I got down there was meeting the President of the United States! That's right! I was cleaning out some



*Melanie displays her card autographed by President Bush.*

rotten food, and there he was! So I quickly took off my nasty gloves, and I not only got a handshake, but a hug and a kiss on the cheek. He signed my ID, and I got pictures as well. God is so awesome in the way He blesses!

I know there is a lot going around out there via the media, but please know that the church as a whole is at work down there meeting the needs physically and spiritually. Church-based distribution centers are doing so much down there and receiving little or no acknowledgement from the media. Still God is, was, and will be faithful. Please keep these people in your prayers and all of the people who are down there helping. Pray for strength, hope, and joy in our Savior.

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# Finding Peace in the Eye of A Storm

Ray '83 and Dana Mosley Johnson '84

by Cessna Catherine Winslow

“We are all fine. We evacuated out to Florida. We lost our house and all possessions. We live close to the water and the 25-foot storm surge wiped our house out. We will be going back tomorrow to survey the damage and see if anything is salvageable . . .” And with those e-mailed words, the journey on the road to recovery in the aftermath of one of the worst natural disasters in American history started for Ray '83 and Dana Mosley Johnson '84.

The Johnsons, along with their children Chase (20), Zachary (16), and Sydney (12), lost everything in the hurricane — everything, that is, except faith and determination. In reflecting on the loss, Ray said, “I can tell you that this disaster has given me a new perspective on life on earth. I have never been one to pursue after things, but losing everything, and then having nothing but a few sets of clothes, opened my eyes to just how fragile we are in this world and how futile it is to try and accumulate riches here on earth.”

Ray is an engineer with the United States Air Force. He and Dana moved to the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 2001. Since they had been in Mississippi for several years, the Johnsons had been around hurricanes, though not actually in any — until Katrina. “As we watched Katrina cross Florida, we weren’t worried. Everyone thought it would turn north and hit the Florida Panhandle. But it kept drifting west,” Ray explained. Even so, they weren’t concerned because it was still just a Category 2 storm. But within hours everything changed. When Ray woke up Sunday morning and learned that Katrina had been upgraded to a Category 5 and that it was heading toward Mississippi, he became concerned. “I told Dana we were



*Ray's daughter, Sydney, sorts through the rubble that was once their home.*

*The Johnsons ... lost everything in the hurricane — everything, that is, except faith and determination.*

leaving,” he recalled. “She was a bit disappointed because she wanted to experience a hurricane. I told her ‘no’ and to pack some clothes while my son and I placed sand bags around the house and secured everything in the yard.”

That evening Ray and his family headed for Florida. After traveling for eight hours at speeds between 5-20 mph they found a hotel room in Tallahassee. The next day they were forced to leave the hotel, and so they traveled to Orlando where they stayed for a couple of days. “It was there where we found out that our house was destroyed,” Ray said. “Everyone was distraught. I had planned on taking the kids to Universal Studios, but no one was in the mood.” Instead the Johnsons headed back to Biloxi to personally see and assess the damage. “It was much worse than we had anticipated,” Ray continued. “The devastation was

incredible in our subdivision. We were speechless when we finally saw our house. We walked around it for a few hours and found a few knickknacks, but little else.”

With their house gone and no place locally to stay, the Johnsons went back to the hotel in Florida and devised a plan. They decided Dana would take the kids to stay with her mom in Huntsville, Alabama while Ray stayed with a friend in Ocean Springs, where he could continue to work and look for a new place for the family to live. “It was a very difficult time. We stayed in these living arrangements for about a month until the schools started to reopen,” Ray commented.

The first to come back to Mississippi was their youngest daughter, Sydney. While Ray looked for a house, Sydney stayed with a family friend and attended a new school.

Zachary soon came back and resumed his junior year of high school. “Although his school was not damaged, his hours were changed to 6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. so the elementary school kids, whose school was destroyed, could use the high school building from 12:30 to 6 p.m.,” Ray shared.



*“Without the support of all of you, we would have struggled much more to make ends meet and ultimately get back to a normal family life.”*

Dana and their oldest daughter, Chase, came back after a new house was found. Ray said Chase is having the toughest time adjusting to life post-Katrina. “Of the kids, she had the most ‘stuff.’ Also, she had just started attending a community college and was forced to withdraw. She is planning on being a photographer and had many photographs — all of which were destroyed or washed away in the hurricane,” he explained.

The other children have weathered the storm better, Ray said. “Zachary is one of the premier soccer players on the coast. He was not as concerned with losing his stuff, but was miserable during the weeks when no soccer was played in the region. The hurricane hit during the middle of his season and his high school soccer conditioning program,” Ray explained. Initially Zachary had heard rumors that one of his teammates had perished during the storm, and he was extremely dismayed with that news. “But many of us down here have learned that rumors are rampant and you have to take all information with a grain of salt until facts are confirmed,” Ray said. “It turned out that none of his classmates or soccer teammates were killed.”



*The view from the Johnsons' driveway*



*The front of the Johnson home*

Their youngest child has taken the hurricane in stride. Sydney seems unaffected by the loss of things. “She is happy as a lark and has not complained too much. She had to transfer to a new school since her old school was totally destroyed by the storm surge. She even made the A-B honor roll for the first time ever in this new school!” Ray gladly shared.

Dana has had a tough time with coping with the hurricane’s aftermath, Ray said. “She is an avid reader and book collector,” he noted. “She had thousands of books. She tried to salvage a few, but with very little success.” Dana also loves playing the piano and was sickened when she saw the remnants of the baby grand piano her father had given her.

Despite the loss, Ray added it would have been a lot worse had he not been in the Air Force. “I have a steady job,” he explained. “Many people here not only lost their homes and possessions, but their jobs as well.” In fact, the new house that the Johnsons recently moved into had belonged to someone who had to leave because of job loss. “There are a lot of people in need down here,” Ray added.

Ray says that he is thankful to God for the friends and family who helped during this disaster. “Without the support of all of you, we would have struggled much more to make ends meet and ultimately get back to a normal family life,” he shared.

To the Cedarville family Ray also extends his heartfelt appreciation. He stated, “I could not believe they sent a monetary gift to help us in this time of need. With that money we were able to purchase beds for our entire family as well as other necessities for the house. When I told my co-workers that my college had sent us money, they were amazed. It was a great opportunity to share about Christ’s love.” Ray is looking forward to meeting some of the CU students who helped raise disaster relief funds when a team is in Biloxi on an assistance mission. “I want to personally thank them for all they’ve done and what a blessing they have been to my family,” he said.

# A Day in the Life of a Hurricane Survivor

by Leah Nielson '04

*Among those who were in Katrina's path was Leah Nielson '04. As an obstetrical nurse, Leah was one of the courageous medical staff members at the medical center at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, who stayed behind to weather the storm. The following is her eyewitness account.*

I was pleasantly surprised to learn that there were no waiting patients in the delivery or post-partum units when I arrived at work on Sunday, August 28. However, downstairs in the Women's Health Clinic there were 26 pregnant women with their families who had decided to shelter at the hospital rather than evacuate. Soon "Jill" (name changed for privacy) started having contractions. Her labor continued throughout the night.

On Monday morning the electricity went out and we switched to generator power. I spent the morning glancing out the windows as the rain became a blinding wave against the glass. I could make out enormous swaying trees as the wind grew stronger. I walked between the north and south facing windows to compare the progress. Soon the north side street was flooded and debris began to appear. The water seemed to sneak up and lash out before we had really noticed. Finally the generators failed and we were in complete darkness.

Shortly afterwards, we got word that the pregnant women were moving up to our floor because of flooding downstairs. We raced to retrieve patient records and put electrical equipment on top of desks.

We received word that some of the 150 mph hurricane windproof windows on the fifth floor were cracking and one had blown in. I warned the women to bed down on the floor away from the windows. Then a window cracked, and we announced that everyone needed to sit in the hallway for a few hours until the worst of the wind had subsided. Around 65 people, plus staff and their families, filled the black

hallway with darkness broken only by a few dim flashlights and the split-second flash of the fire alarm lights. No one was sure why they had come on, but their blinding pulses were like a painful strobe light at a disco. I sympathized with the people complaining of headaches as I was getting one, too, while the lights pounded our heads for two hours. It was miserable. When it stopped we were actually grateful for the darkness.

I was just getting adjusted to this picture and hunkered down to ride out what was becoming the worst of the hurricane when we were thrown into a flurry of activity after the doctors announced that Jill was now in active labor. She had a history that did not give her a favorable outcome for vaginal birth so it was going to have to be a Cesarean section. I overheard the decision-making process between the doctors as they weighed all the benefits and risks of all options, and I could sense the impossible weight doctors carry of being the ones to make the final decisions. I felt like throwing up.

Once the doctors arrived at their decision, I was chosen to be Jill's nurse. There were a number of complications to hurdle as we prepared for a hurricane C-section. A window in the labor and delivery operating room had cracked a few hours earlier,



*Leah and her father in front of the Biloxi-Ocean Springs bridge which connects the peninsula to the mainland*



*It was around 3:30 p.m., and Hurricane Katrina had just been one-upped by an even more powerful, awesome event: the birth of a beautiful, healthy baby girl.*

so the next question was where to do the procedure. When the main hospital generators went out, there had been a frantic search for a mobile diesel-powered generator to maintain power to the ventilators and other equipment that was sustaining patients in the ICU on the second floor. The decision was made to perform the C-section in one of the ICU rooms, where at least there was a window to let in some of the angry, strange daylight. An incredible amount of creativity and ingenuity went into preparing an inpatient room to become an operating room.

During this time I went about making preparations for surgery. The electronic medication cart couldn't be opened to retrieve the pre-operative meds, extra meds to have on hand in case of hemorrhage or any reactions to anesthesia, and meds for pain control after surgery, as well as baby medications. The guy who stocks the medication cart had to be tracked down in a five-story hospital that didn't have any power or capability for communication. The one drawer he was unable to open was the one containing the narcotic medications — which includes all those needed for pain control. A runner went to the next floor up to beg for morphine while I wrestled with pliers to open the other med drawers.

The medication situation mostly solved, I grabbed the rest of my pre-operative paperwork, supplies, and a helping hand to hold the flashlight so I could prep Jill for surgery. She had been under another nurse's care, so this was my first time meeting her. Understandably, she was anxious, but as we chatted and I did

my tasks we both tried to laugh away some of the nervousness. She was amazing. I told her I'd see her right after the surgery, as I couldn't be in the room with her. She was accompanied off through the heavy, black hallways to the ICU.

I followed a few minutes later, but the first sight of people in scrubs seemed to stop me dead in my tracks. I felt like I watched the next half hour or so from a place outside my body. There were voices around me, with snippets of conversation accented by flashlight beams. I heard myself call out Jill's health information to the anesthesia providers. I watched my hands relinquish my precious cache of medications and then catch up on paperwork that was damp and flimsy. I felt myself move out of the way of the dizzying camera flashes.

I can't imagine how Jill felt in this chaos. A circle of doctors with orange masks, headlamps, and gloved hands surrounded the blue field while a wall of people in green scrubs formed a backdrop around the doctors. On the outer edge of this scene was light from seven flashlights.

When I turned back to the darkness of the rest of the ICU, that picture was still in my eyes. Slowly they adjusted again to the darkness and I became aware again of the noise, the movement, and the task at hand. Within minutes we heard a baby's cry, and the chatter was replaced with cheers and more camera flashes. It was around 3:30 p.m., and Hurricane Katrina had just been one-upped by an even more powerful, awesome event: the birth of a beautiful, healthy baby girl.

*Following the hurricane, Leah continued to work at a temporary tent hospital where they provided basic medical care to the personnel and families still on the base and emergent cases from the community. During this time, she contracted bacterial pneumonia and became one of those cared for. Because their Biloxi hospital won't be re-opened for a year, the Air Force has relocated Leah to Italy. She can be reached at [s1256738@alumni.cedarville.edu](mailto:s1256738@alumni.cedarville.edu).*

# Afterthoughts

## Yesteryears Continue

*On April 3, 1943, Charles Rader '51, a sergeant with E Co., 147th Infantry, and his squad, who had just finished the Battle of Guadalcanal, were left behind to guard their battalion's supplies. They were called out to raid a village five miles away from their camp in the jungle because Japanese soldiers were reported to be hiding there.*

*Fifty-eight years later, Charles belatedly received the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement while serving in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations from 10 June 1942 to 15 September 1945 in military operations against an armed enemy of the United States during World War II. Private First Class Rader's exemplary performance of duty in active ground combat was in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the 147th Infantry Regiment, and the Army of the United States."*

*Charles Rader writes:*

I am writing to you as I would like to tell you that I was one of the proud GIs who attended your college after World War II. I served in Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons; and Iwo Jima.

I had plans after the war to go to college and become an engineer. I wanted to go to Cedarville College. I also went to other colleges and came back to Cedarville to graduate. My teacher was Helen Hoooven Santmyer; she was a wonderful teacher, my very favorite.

I received my bachelor of science degree in education on May 28, 1951. I was so proud. After this, I went right into the space program, and I was on the engineering change board that sent up the first space shuttle – the "Columbia." I was so proud that I helped send it up in space.



I worked in airplanes for many years for Rockwell International. At 84 years of age, I am now retired.

I would like to visit Cedarville University and talk to your young students and tell them my story ... of how, when I got my engineering degree, I got this wonderful job right away. I thank Cedarville College for the most wonderful teachers that helped me get to where I am today. I will forever be so proud of Cedarville University.

Sincerely,  
Charles W. Rader '51  
Victorville, California

## Corrections

Please note two corrections for the Summer 2005 issue of *Inspire*:

**Dr. Alan Geist '83** has joined the Cedarville University faculty as an assistant professor of sport management. We inadvertently printed that Alan was an associate professor (Page 8).

**J. Michael Yoder '98** received an honorable mention in the Where in the World contest. His father's name, Gerald Yoder, was printed by mistake (Page 15).

## Helping the Halseys

A number of readers have contacted the alumni relations office to ask how they might help the Halseys ("An Inspiring Update from Julie Mummey Halsey '93," Page 27, *Inspire* Fall 2005). To make a financial gift, you may go to any U.S. Bank branch and make a deposit to the "Todd and Julie" account.



# Campus Events

## Cedarville University

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### BIBLICAL TRAVEL STUDIES PROGRAM

- August 4-19, 2005
- Greece & Turkey (with stops in London & Paris)
- Instruction by Cedarville faculty
- For students and alumni
- Firsthand exposure to biblical lands and artifacts
- Integrated approach emphasizing the biblical, theological, archaeological, historical, and cultural dimensions of the Old & New Testament worlds
- Directed study, on-site instruction, and guest lecturers
- Trips to the British Museum, the Louvre, the Roman Forum, Pompeii, Mycenae, Corinth, Mars Hill, and many other historically and culturally relevant sites
- Special ship ride across the Adriatic Sea

More information will be available in February at [www.cedarville.edu/academics/travelstudy](http://www.cedarville.edu/academics/travelstudy), or contact us by e-mail after January at [travelstudy@cedarville.edu](mailto:travelstudy@cedarville.edu).



## Calendar of Campus Events

**January 10**  
Classes Resume

**February 23-25**  
Music Showcase

**January 10-12**  
Missions Conference  
Dr. George Murray of Columbia  
International University

**February 25**  
Business Day

**January 27**  
Youth Worker Summit

**February 25**  
Nursing Day

**January 27-28**  
High School Leadership  
Conference

**February 27-28**  
Evangelism Celebration

**January 27-28;  
February 2-4**  
Winter Play:  
*Arsenic and Old Lace*

**March 6-13**  
Spring Break

**February 10-11**  
CedarMania

**March 14**  
Classes Resume

**February 18**  
Engineering Day

**March 25**  
Junior Jam

**March 31-April 1;  
April 6-8**  
Spring Play:  
*Romeo and Juliet*

## Upcoming Alumni Events

**January 20-21**  
Alumni Basketball Weekend  
Cedarville, Ohio

**March 31**  
Dallas Chapter Event  
Dallas, Texas

**January 28-February 4**  
Cedarville Friends for Life Cruise

**May 20**  
Alumni and Friends Event  
Southfield, Michigan

**February 11**  
Greenville Chapter Event  
Greenville, South Carolina

**August 5**  
Raleigh Chapter Event  
Raleigh, North Carolina

# Alumnotes

## 50s



**Sam '56 and Ellen Smith Hornbrook '56** arrived back in Mexico in August 2005 after a time of visiting their supporting churches,

family, and friends in the States. They are so thankful for the generosity of God's people in donating items that will help further the gospel in Mexico.

## 60s

**Irene Benson '63** would like to announce the 50th anniversary of the Brazilian branch of Mission Aviation Fellowship. She celebrates the members of this team, as they are more than just pilots, but are people who always have encouraging words and the ability to fix almost anything. Irene and the Waiwai people are very thankful for their work. Irene is currently in the States on furlough.

**Marv '65 and Joan Carter Stephens '65** have been encouraged by how God has brought several new families to EBI (Editorial Bautista Independiente) in Florida on both a short-term and long-term basis. One family that came for a few months completed several projects in the print shop. Marv and Joan are hopeful that the new team members can expand EBI's ministry to new areas.

**Norm '67 and Louise Stutesman Barnard '67** are pleased that several new Thai students enrolled in a servant-leadership class. Please pray for a smooth transition as Norm steps down as director of Asia Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Grace Trimble Kintner '67** and her husband, Dave, ask for prayer concerning direction for where God wants them to minister. They are thankful for the local ministries and camps they have been a part of in Brazil.



**Nancy Towle Jones '69** and her husband, Roy, are excited about what is happening in Madrid, Spain. They are challenged by the events in the church in Coslada and thankful

for how God is working in their family. Roy and Nancy are the proud grandparents of Luca and Javier. Luca was born March 30, 2005 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to his parents, **Keith '01** and Debby. Javier was born April 13, 2005 in Madrid, Spain to his parents, **Kevin '97** and Mari. Javier will grow up in Spain, and Luca will soon be living in Italy.

**Fred Stickle '69** is the editor of the university textbook *Adolescent Psychology*, 2006-2007 annual edition, published by McGraw-Hill/Dushkin Publishing Company.



## 70s

**Linda Betts Duffield '72** continues to find ways to help others by tutoring, providing materials and Bibles for pastors in Mexico, aiding fellow missionaries, and counseling. She was blessed by summer camp this year. God helped her through the one-year anniversary of her husband's death by allowing her to minister at camp.

**Evandro Batista '77** and his wife, Elina, arrived back in Portugal in January 2006 after a one-year furlough. They are very excited to start a new church planting project, knowing that God will open many opportunities for them to share the gospel.

## 80s

**Thomas Ruiz '80** and his wife, Lidice, announce the birth of Talitha Elisa on September 20, 2005. They reside in Celebration, Florida.



**Ruth Yocom '80** is thankful that God has enabled her to serve for 20 years in Bangladesh. She was grateful to learn that 52 people came to know Christ through the ministry of Memorial Christian Hospital in 2004.

**Dave '83 and Lenna Barrand Black '82** believe that God is calling them to join the team of Going UP, an Estonian organization that goes beyond evangelism and discipleship of youth to reach out to the families and provide for their needs in a church setting. The Blacks went to Estonia in November 2005 to check out the ministry and see how they could get involved.

**Aaron '85 and Anne Grosse Bowes '87** have found that the Chick comic tracts are a useful tool when it comes to spreading the gospel in Germany. These are especially popular with the young people.



**Jim Wessing '86** and his wife, Angela, announce the birth of Jacob Peter on October 27, 2004. He joins his siblings, Jimmy (17), Jeffrey (16), and Rachael (9). Jim is the administrator at Heritage Christian Academy in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

**Pete Wright '86** and his wife, Sonya, rejoice due to the many opportunities the Lord has brought for the new multimedia ministry in Chile. They are working on the production of a youth program that will be aired on Spanish BBN. A preaching series on the book of James is already on Spanish BBN.

**Kim Masters Costello '87** and her husband, Randy, announce the birth of Katie Lynn on July 14, 2005. They reside in Cedar Falls, Iowa.



**Jill Slayton Puett '88** and her husband, Stephen, have recently moved to Elgin, Illinois, where they have started a Bible study. They hope that this Bible study will grow enough that the need for a new church will arise. They are serving with Midwest Church Planting.

## 90s

**Glen Bowman '90** is an associate professor of history at Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He recently published a textbook/reader titled *The Razor's Edge*, which focuses on building critical thinking by combining Socratic thinking with a comparative approach to world history. The royalties will fund a research and travel scholarship in memory of a recently departed colleague. Another book, on the 16th century history of pamphleteering, will soon be published. Glen and his wife, Maria, have three children, Steven (6), Pamela (3), and Thomas (1). Right now Maria stays at home, but once all the children are in school, she plans to attend graduate school to become

a social worker, helping disabled children and their families. Both Glen and Maria have seen, as parents to their autistic son, Steven, that there is a real need for such services in northeastern North Carolina.

**Rod '90 and Sara Taylor Perkins '94** announce the birth of Lindsey Kathryn on May 27, 2005. They reside in Saline, Michigan.



**Shelley Brandenburg Witham '90** and her husband, Matt, are the parents of Tim, Sarah, and Aaron. Shelley homeschools the younger two and is a crisis line volunteer for the Central Indiana Crisis Pregnancy Center. Matt is a sanitation engineer for Waste Management. Shelley and Matt teach Sunday school at Charity Baptist Church in Clermont, Indiana.

**Kelly Fath '91** shares his praise for his one-year anniversary of arriving in Romania. God has blessed him with a very good year of adjustment, new friends, initial language acquisition, ministry opportunities, and safety during his travels.

**Paul '91 and Jennifer Horne Morse '96**



announce the birth of Shaun Richard on October 15, 2004. He joins his older sister, Lesley, in Beavercreek, Ohio. Paul works in pharmaceutical sales, and Jen stays at home with the children while tutoring and teaching over the Internet.

**Rebecca Reich Hannon '92** and her husband, David, report that summer camps went well and some teens left camp feeling like they wanted to live more for Christ. Rebecca helps coordinate nurse arrivals, paperwork, and medical issues for campers. David spends most of his time maintaining the buses and the camps. They have three children: Eric, Hannah, and Melody.

**Tim Richardson '93** has been named executive director of Camp Patmos in Ohio. He and his wife, Erica, have two children, Solomon (7) and Priscilla (4), and are expecting another child in December. The family lives in Port Clinton where they are members of Grace Baptist Church. Tim can be reached at [tim@campatmos.com](mailto:tim@campatmos.com).

**Elizabeth Lane White '93** received a master of education degree from Xavier University in August 2005. Beth and her husband, **Matthew '92**, reside in Amelia, Ohio, where Matt is the supervisor of instruction for math, science, and technology for the West Clermont Local School District. The Whites have four children: Katie (9), Christian (6), Eric (4), and Maggie (20 months).



**Paul '94 and Amy Zehr McIntosh '93** announce the birth of Amanda Michelle. She was born July 5, 2005 and joins her brothers, Austin (5) and Andrew (3). Paul is a junior high and high school teacher at Blackhawk Christian School, and Amy enjoys staying home with the kids.

**Georgia Hickman Purdom '94** and her husband, Chris, announce the adoption of their daughter Elizabeth Ellen Jian Purdom (2) from China. Georgia will begin her new job with Answers in Genesis in June 2006 as a speaker, writer, and researcher.



## Life is a Gift!

Last October, **Robin Mills Skosko '94**

and her husband, Jack, learned their two-year-old son, Carter, would soon get not one, but two siblings! The Skoskos were having twins! Robin

recalls that her initial reaction was "How are we going to do this?" but she was reminded by a doctor (who has two sets of twins) that she was being blessed.

At the end of January, the Skoskos learned the twins were boys. Following tests, they were referred to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to check the heart of Baby A. There the doctors found a heart defect. The following week, the doctors discovered that Baby B had a perforated bowel and didn't appear to be growing as he should. Robin noted, "As we met with the doctors, I remained composed until the director of fetal surgery told my husband and I that we had 'options.' As I began crying, unable to believe that someone would think of my babies like that, we told him that we did not have any options but to pray and continue with the pregnancy."

The Skoskos named "Baby A" Landon and "Baby B" Nolan so people would have names to pray. Prayers were offered up on their behalf literally around the world. But the doctors told the Skoskos that Landon would certainly not live more than two more weeks. If Nolan did not start growing, he did not have much of a chance either.

Three weeks later, tests revealed that both boys were growing. When running tests on Landon, the doctor could not believe she was looking at the same baby's heart. The healing that had occurred amazed her! Robin said, "We told her it was God's doing and that many people were praying for our boys."

The twins were born four weeks early on May 28, 2005. Nolan (the one who wasn't growing enough) was an ounce bigger than his brother and had no evidence of bowel perforation. Landon's echocardiogram showed a small heart murmur that is present in many newborns and no other defects. The boys are home and thriving.

Robin shared, "We trusted God throughout our trial, knowing that He had a reason for whatever outcome was planned. We praise God for all of our boys and pray that others would be blessed for hearing their story and for knowing Carter, Landon, and Nolan."

The Skoskos reside in Honey Brook, Pennsylvania. They can be reached at [skosko@juno.com](mailto:skosko@juno.com).



**Heather Baslock Quasarano '94** and her husband, Len, announce the birth of Luke Everett on November 17, 2004 in Linden, Michigan. Heather stays at home with Luke

and works out of her home. Len works for a computer technology company. Heather is pictured here with her twin sister, Rhonda.

**Rhonda Baslock Sloan '94** and her husband, Greg, announce the birth of Westly James on May 5, 2005.

Big brother Wyatt (3) welcomed him home in Howell, Michigan. Rhonda works out of her home, and Greg works for the Hartland School District. Rhonda is pictured here with her twin sister, Heather.

**Chris '94 and Melissa Davis Robertson '94**

announce the birth of Micah Edward. He was born September 20, 2004 and joins his sister, Caitlyn (3), at home in Wauseon, Ohio. Chris is a systems analyst for Sauder Woodworking Company, and Melissa enjoys staying at home with the kids.



**Aimee Miller Bontrager '95** and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of Emily Joy on March 2, 2005 in Lima, Ohio. Aimee maintains her position as human resource/safety coordinator for Midwest Guardian on a part-time basis, and Eric is the assistant city engineer for the city of Lima.

**Todd '95 and Dawn Merritt Entner '96** are so thankful for the love, care, and concern shown by so many during the trying times of Dawn's brain surgery and the birth of their daughter, Grace. The doctors in China have recommended another surgery this winter. **Jennifer Kierstead '95** plans to stay in Brazil for two more years to serve with WorldVenture. She is thankful for the peace that God has given her over this decision. Her graduate studies ended with her graduation in December 2005.

**Joseph '95 and Cherish Clark Lesko '96** announce the birth of Gwenna Mackensie on June 6, 2005. She was welcomed home by her two brothers, Garston (5) and Granite (3). They reside in Beavercreek, Ohio.



**Chad '95 and Michelle Steenwyk Wingert '94** announce the birth of Claire Elizabeth on October 11, 2004. She joins Katie (7) and Jenna (3) in Falling Waters, West Virginia. They are praising God for

Claire's good health after her surgery in December 2004 for a narrow aorta.

**Andy '97 and Linda Gilbert Kuyper '98** announce the birth of Emma Kathleen on May 21, 2005. She is loved by her big sister, Abby (3). The family resides in Fairview Park, Ohio.



**Ruthann McAuley '97** and Matthew Formica were married September 4, 2004 in Palo Alto, California. After a honeymoon in Italy, they returned to their home in Sunnyvale, California. Matthew is a software evangelist for Apple Computer, and Ruthann is a massage therapist in a chiropractor's office.



**Sam Olsen '97** has completed a fellowship in sports medicine at American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, Alabama. He has recently begun his internal medicine/sports medicine practice in Athens, Tennessee. Sam and his wife, **Rachel (Wirt) '97**, have two children, John (3) and

Sarah (1). Rachel stays at home with the children but maintains her licensure as a physical therapist assistant.

**Jesse '97 and Kerry Allen Roberts '97** announce the birth of Joel Edmund on July 27, 2004. Big brothers Jacob (5) and Daniel (3) awaited his arrival in Cornish, New Hampshire.

**Jeffrey '97 and Angela Boyce Saunders '97** are getting adjusted to the culture in Kenya, where they serve with Africa Inland Mission. Please continue to pray that they will quickly learn the cultural differences. Angela is managing a motel, and Jeff is the station technical manager.

**Jonathan '97 and Sarah Jenks Weber '97** are praying that both churches and individuals will make support commitments soon so they can make the necessary plans to be in Belgium by April 2006 for Evangelical Baptist Missions' All-Europe Conference. They are anxious to start their ministry in Belgium.

**Greg '98 and Gina Hutley Dyson '98** continue to minister at The Lion's Den in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts. They are thankful for the additional volunteers who are adding consistency and stability for the youth.



**Beth Stewart Laswell '98** and her husband, Ron, announce the birth of Clayton James on March 16, 2005 in Lebanon, Ohio. Beth received her master of music education degree from Miami University and enjoys teaching elementary music. Ron works

for General Motors in Dayton and operates his own landscaping and lawn care business.

**Ben '98 and Holly Barnett Nordaas '98** announce the birth of Luke Benjamin on December 19, 2004. He joins his brothers, Daniel (5), Josh (3), and Jonathan (2), at home in Hadley, Michigan. Ben is the associate pastor at Hadley Community Church.



**Joshua '98 and Julia Smith Rupp '97** announce the birth of Abigail Jane on July 6, 2004. Joshua serves as the worship arts director for Gaylord Evangelical Free Church in Gaylord, Michigan. Julia enjoys being a stay-

at-home mom after being an elementary school teacher for seven years.

**Stacy Saville Slanker '98** and her husband, Joel, announce the birth of Theresa Jeanmarie on November 19, 2004. Joel is a scenic welder/carpenter for cruise ship theatres, and Stacy enjoys staying home with Tess in Monroe, Ohio.





**Scott '98 and Elizabeth Parr Wigglesworth '98** announce the birth of Aidan James. He was born October 29, 2004 and joins his brother, Cole (4), in Kettering, Ohio.



**BJ Bechtel '99** and his wife, Shanna, share that the summer day camps were a huge success. They are thankful for the extra summer staff that helped run the camps.



**Nancy Clawson '99** and Jason Harris were married May 14, 2005. Jason is attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Nancy is a registered nurse in the emergency room department at Kosair Children's Hospital.

**Erin Ross '99** and Joe Zilbauer were married April 9, 2005 at Bible Presbyterian Church in Grand Island, New York. After a honeymoon on the Mayan River in Mexico, they returned to their home in Tonawanda, New York. Erin is the executive writer/producer at WDCX-FM in Buffalo, New York. Joe is a human resource manager at Norampac Industries in Niagara Falls.



## 2000s

**Elizabeth Augustus Augustine '00** and her husband, Joseph, reside in Beavercreek, Ohio. Elizabeth is a registered nurse at Miami Valley Hospital, and Joseph is a maintenance manager at MV Transportations.

**Sarah Schlicher Herschberger '00** and her husband, Sam, announce the birth of Ethan Marc on May 24, 2005. Sarah is a teacher, and Sam raises veal calves on their home farm in Orrville, Ohio. God has blessed them with Sam being self-employed, so Sam will be staying home with Ethan.



**Scott '00 and Shanna Lenhart Lehr '00** share that God has given them both a passion for the Raleigh-Durham area in North Carolina. They are in the process of planning a church plant for the summer of 2006. Scott is in the church planting residency program with Fellowship Bible Church.



**Michael '00 and Julie Lamborn Munro '00** announce the birth of Elise Marcella on October 24, 2004. Michael is preparing to attend medical school, and Julie is a neonatal

intensive care nurse. They reside in Centerville, Ohio.

**Corrie Christiansen '01** and Brian Becker were married May 15, 2005. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, they returned to their home in Dayton, Ohio. Corrie and Brian are both registered nurses.



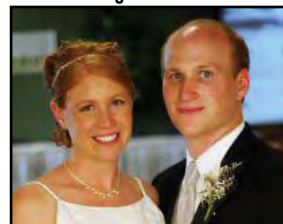
**Jonathan '01 and Noella Fisher Kleis '99** announce the birth of Emma Patryce on November 4, 2004. Her brother, Samuel (2), awaited her arrival in Springfield, Ohio. They are now serving with their family in Italy as missionaries with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. They arrived on the field in June 2005 and are now in language school. They plan to

move to the city of Torino in 2006.

**Kristin Schierloh '01** and Justin Moser were married July 4, 2005 at The Newtown Meeting House in Newtown, Connecticut. Several Cedarville alumni participated in and attended the wedding. After a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean, the couple returned to their home in Southbury, Connecticut. Justin is a firefighter, and Kristin teaches fourth grade.



**Eric Wentz '01 and Jessica Mathias '01** were married July 10, 2004 in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where they now reside. Jessica is a fourth grade teacher at West Suburban



Christian Academy, and Eric works at Best Buy and is the administrative assistant to the youth pastor at Fox River Christian Church. He is planning to move into the role of small group's pastor soon. He is finishing up his master's degree at Trinity Evangelical University.



**Andy '02 and Casey Ruffin Paugh '00** announce the birth of Brady Andrew on June 24, 2005. Andy is a physical education teacher, and Casey stays at home with Brady, does freelance proofreading, and assists with the women's tennis team at Cedarville. The family resides in Springfield, Ohio.

**Keith '02 and Karin O'Connell Peters '03** announce the birth of Lianna Jane on March 10, 2005. Keith is in his third year of law school at the University of Nebraska College of Law, and Karin enjoys her new role as stay-at-home mom.



**Amie Poelman '02** and Tim Rickert were married December 4, 2004 in Grand Haven, Michigan. They reside in Chicago, Illinois, where Amie is a registered nurse, and Tim is a certified public accountant at Ernst & Young.

**Grayden Schafer '02** received his juris doctor degree from the University of Buffalo Law School in May 2005. He works at the Appellate Court in Albany, New York.



**Gretchen Bigley '03** and Aaron Piper were married August 6, 2005. Gretchen is a registered nurse working with Pediatric Alliance of Pittsburgh as a triage nurse. Aaron is attaining his master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh.



**Aaron Fourman '03** and Amy Martin '02 were married October 16, 2004 at Southgate Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio. After a honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, the couple returned to their home in Enon, Ohio. Aaron works in video editing and videography for Summit Interactive.

Amy teaches second grade at Rockway Elementary and coaches reserve girls basketball at Shawnee High School.



**Eric Linafelter '03** and Jason Heddings were married June 26, 2005 in Thornton, Colorado. After a honeymoon to Tulum, Mexico, the couple returned to their home in Erie, Colorado. Erica is a first grade teacher, and Jason is a software engineer for Hewlett-Packard.

**Laurie Rost '03** received her master in counseling degree from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia in August 2005.

**Rebecca Brown '05** serves the Lord in the Network of International Christian Schools (NICS) in Seoul, Korea.



**Anthony Delimpo '05** and Tami Gheen '05 were married May 14, 2005 at Troy United Methodist Church in Troy, Ohio. Anthony works for Landmark sprinklers while waiting to get into the police academy or other criminal justice field, and Tami is a substitute teacher with Jessamine County Schools.



**Cassie Ingram '05** and Matt Joines were married May 28, 2005 in Paris, Illinois. After a honeymoon at Disney World, they made their home in Savoy, Illinois. Matt works for Dillman Brothers Construction, and Cassie works for Spherion Staffing Services.





**Jeremy Owens '05** and **Leanne Sims '05** were married June 11, 2005 in Jamestown, Ohio. After a honeymoon at Disney World, they returned to their home in Indianapolis, Indiana. Jeremy is part owner of a Subway® restaurant, and Leanne is a seventh grade history teacher at Heritage Christian Schools.



**Joshua Owens '05** and **Amanda Ryneski '05** were married July 2, 2005 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. They reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Dan Roeber '05** and **Sarah Thengvall '04** were married June 18, 2005 at Santa Rosa Bible Church in Santa Rosa, California. They now live in Chengdu, China, where Dan teaches at Chengdu International School.



## In Memory Of

*We extend our condolences to the families and friends of these dear loved ones.*

**Martha Waddle Derby '32** went home to be with the Lord on August 15, 2005 in Lebanon, Ohio.

**Lenora Skinnell MacMillan '32** went home to be with the Lord on June 16, 2005 in Xenia, Ohio.

**Janice Dunevant Peterson '38** went home to be with the Lord on September 28, 2005.

**Doris Ramsey Bovard '41** went home to be with the Lord on September 4, 2005 in Springfield, Ohio. She had been a teacher for 34 years in seven different Ohio school districts.

**Ann McClellan Kelley '41** went home to be with the Lord on September 23, 2005 in Xenia, Ohio.

**Bernadette Coon Schenck '54** went home to be with the Lord on September 22, 2005. She is survived by her husband, **Paul '55**, in Xenia, Ohio.

**Francis Cooper Cook '58** went home to be with the Lord on May 14, 2005. After her years at Cedarville, she went on to graduate from Moody Bible Institute and Western Michigan University. She taught English for more than 42 years in a country school and an inner-city school, and she invested 19 years teaching at Grand Rapids Baptist Academy. She touched the lives of many students.

**Joseph Lloyd '64** went home to be with the Lord on July 10, 2005. He is survived by his wife, **Hope (Willie) '64**.

**Donald Meadows '70** went home to be with the Lord on February 16, 2005. He was a teacher in Wadsworth, Ohio for 30 years.

**Joan Tecklenburg Salladay '71** went home to be with the Lord on July 23, 2005 due to complications from diabetes.

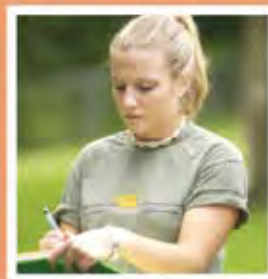
**Cynthia Galland '85** went home to be with the Lord in June 2005 in Harwick, New York after a long struggle with cancer.

**Chris Bryant '94** went home to be with the Lord on July 30, 2005 in Grove City, Ohio. Chris was a graduate of Wright State University. He had been a quadriplegic for eight years and was the founder of [www.OvercomersNetwork.org](http://www.OvercomersNetwork.org). This non-profit organization specializes in finding disability equipment for those with special needs. Of the many loved ones Chris leaves behind are his parents, **Ty '64** and **Pat Adams Bryant '64**; sister, Lisa; brother, Tyrone; and many nieces and nephews. For additional information about Chris' Overcomers Network, contact Ty at [ty@future-path.net](mailto:ty@future-path.net).

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# Career Services: Serving Students and Alumni Better

In keeping with current trends, the career services office

has been taking twists and turns to maximize its services available to students and alumni. In many areas, the office has revolutionized its resources and procedures, such as education credential files, online career testing, online resumes, and job resources.

As of January 31, 2006, the career services office will no longer be keeping education credentials on file. This is a decision that the office has made along with Dr. Steve Gruber, chair of the education department. Because students are now creating portfolios with credential files included, it is not necessary to keep these in the office. Alumni may access these files via mail by simply requesting it along with a current address for accurate mailing. All requests must be made on or before January 31, 2006, otherwise they will no longer be available.

During this past September, the career services office partnered with Crown Financial Ministries to perform a beta test group of an online version of Career Direct. This version of the test allows students to save their results electronically instead of only receiving a

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hard copy. This resource is not yet available to everyone, but should be available within the year.

Online resumes have already been a huge success at Cedarville University. The College Central Network is our main resource, and hundreds of students and alumni are accessing this particular network. More than 1,300 employers have registered on this site as well, seeking students and alumni of Cedarville to fill hundreds of available jobs. Every day, new employers and jobs are added to this network.

If you or your company would like more information or would like to become more involved with these resources, please contact the career services office at 1-888-562-4811 or [career@cedarville.edu](mailto:career@cedarville.edu). Students, employers, or alumni who would like to register for the College Central Network may do so online. Be sure to check out additional opportunities listed on our Web site at [www.cedarville.edu/career](http://www.cedarville.edu/career).

## Career Services Office

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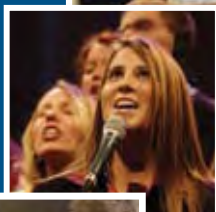
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In light of the generous \$101,000 offering by students, faculty, staff, and friends to help hurricane victims, and the willingness of students to serve, the University determined to send every student who wished to go (should opportunities arise) at no expense to the students. Corporate sponsors are providing meals, and host organizations in the Gulf region are providing accommodations. By faith, the University committed to provide transportation.

Due to the high cost of bus and van rental, as well as fuel, transportation costs Cedarville \$150 per student, an expense beyond the University's operating budget. To date, travel expenses have totaled \$47,700; the teams serving in January will bring the total to more than \$63,000.

Thankfully, faculty, staff, friends, and alumni have given \$35,500 to help with these expenses. Why not join them and also help more than 90 students in January become the hands and feet of Jesus to hundreds more victims? You can do so by either visiting [www.cedarville.edu/disasterrelief](http://www.cedarville.edu/disasterrelief) or sending your gift to Cedarville Hurricane Relief Teams, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, OH 45314.

To read the latest updates and see the latest photos from Cedarville Relief Teams or to support their ministry, visit [www.cedarville.edu/disasterrelief](http://www.cedarville.edu/disasterrelief).

